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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation

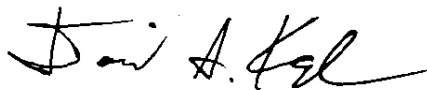
IB Docket No. 01-185, *Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz band;*

File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017 et al., *Application of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC to Launch and Operate a Next-Generation Satellite System*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

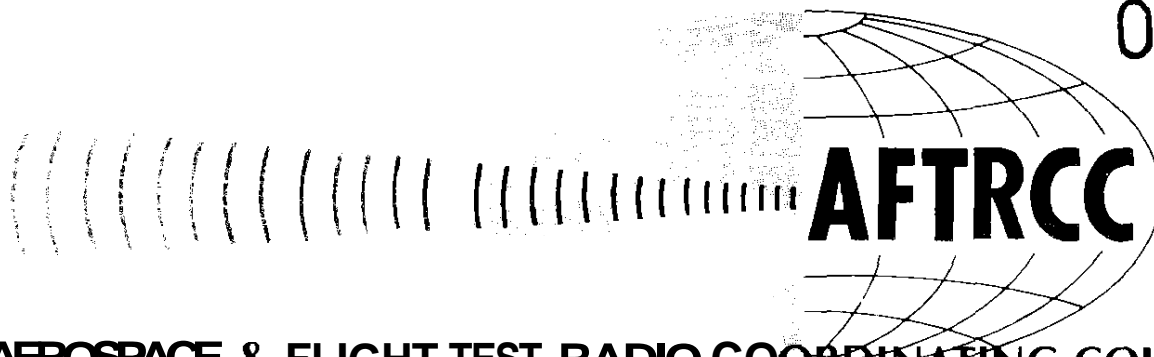
Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV") hereby files the attached letter from the Aerospace & Flight Test Radio Coordinating Council ("AFTRCC") for inclusion in the record of the above-captioned proceedings. In its letter, AFTRCC explains that, subject to stated qualifications, a coordination agreement with MSV similar to the agreements AFTRCC has with the SDARS licensees should be feasible to address its concerns about potential interference from MSV's proposed ancillary terrestrial operations.

Very truly yours,



David S. Konczal

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November 14, 2002

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Re: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This is in response to your inquiry regarding the position of Aerospace and Flight Test Radio Coordinating Council ("AFTRCC") in respect of a possible coordination agreement with Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV") for ancillary terrestrial base stations in the 1525-1559 MHz band.

In particular, you have inquired as to whether AFTRCC would be willing to enter into a coordination agreement for the use of such stations as against flight test receiving stations operating in the band immediately adjacent thereto, i.e. 1435-1525 MHz.

As you know, AFTRCC is concerned about the possibility of interference to flight test telemetry facilities. These facilities are used to monitor new and improved versions of aircraft and missiles. They enable engineers on the ground to maintain a real-time check on the health and performance of the vehicle under test. Flight test telemetry thus fulfills a critical safety function, as well as being a significant asset in the efficient completion of flight test programs. AFTRCC has submitted Comments in IB Docket No. 01-185 registering its concerns about possible interference from ancillary terrestrial repeaters. See Comments filed October 22, 2001. In order to help meet those concerns, AFTRCC has urged, in part, that the Commission require prior coordination with flight testing for any repeater proposed within line-of-sight of flight test facilities. Id. at 7.

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Where it has been shown less so, AFTRCC has been willing to enter into form; coordination agreements so as to accommodate adjacent band users while protecting flight testing. Two recent cases in point are the coordination agreements which AFTRCC was able to strike with Sirius Satellite and XM Satellite Radio for their respective use of terrestrial repeaters in the band 2320-2345 MHz. Those agreements provided for the employment of repeaters subject to terms and conditions deemed necessary for the protection of flight testing in the band 2360-2390 MHz.

A coordination agreement along the lines of that referenced above should be feasible in the case of MSV. However, it is premature for AFTRCC to commit to an agreement with MSV at this juncture for the simple reason that it is unclear how the Commission will resolve this proceeding. Thus, I am only authorized to state that AFTRCC will carefully review the outcome of the rulemaking, and, if appropriate, would be prepared to consider a coordination agreement with MSV that takes into account our flight test telemetry concerns. Whether a formal coordination agreement is concluded or not, however, it remains AFTRCC's view that adjacent band coordination should be required for any authorized use of terrestrial repeaters.

Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Morris *by WMR*
Chairman